

County Geography Changes: 1990-present

County geography changes over time – new counties are created and old counties are renamed, deleted or their boundaries altered. As a result, the counties/county equivalents for which estimates are available in each of the bridged-race population series varies somewhat. For example, the Vintage 2009 files have population estimates for three new Alaska county equivalents (Wrangell Borough, Petersburg Census Area, and Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area) and do not have estimates for two former Alaska county equivalents (Wrangell-Petersburg Census Area and Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area).

The tables below summarize differences in county geography across the various estimates series.

Table 1. New counties and county equivalents

New counties and county equivalents on the bridged-race population files: 1990-2020						
Estimate series	Number of counties	New and renamed county or county equivalent				
2019-2020 postcensal series						
		Valdez-Cordova Census Area, AK (02261)	Chugach Census Area, AK (02063)		Copper River Census Area, AK (02066)	
Vintage 2020	3144	--*--	X		X	
Vintage 2015-2019	3143	X	--*--		--*--	
		Kusilvak Census Area, AK (02158)	Oglala Lakota County, SD (46102)		Petersburg Borough ¹ , AK (02195)	
2015-2019 postcensal series						
Vintage 2015-2019	3,143	X	X		X	
Vintage 2014 ¹	3,143	--*--	--*--		X	
New county or county equivalent						
		Broomfield County, CO (08014)	Hoonah-Angoon Census Area, AK (02105)	Petersburg Census Area ¹ , AK (02195)	Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area, AK (02198)	Skagway Municipality, AK (02230)
						Wrangell City and Borough, AK (02275)

Postcensal estimate series based on 2010 census							
Vintage 2020	3,144	X	X	--*--	X	X	X
Vintage 2014- Vintage 2019	3,143	X	X	--*--	X	X	X
Vintage 2011- Vintage 2013	3,143	X	X	X	X	X	X
2010 census							
April 1, 2010	3,143	X	X	X	X	X	X
2000-2010 intercensal estimates							
July 1, 2000-July 1, 2010	3,143	X	X	X	X	X	X
Postcensal estimate series based on 2000 census ²							
Vintage 2009- Vintage 2010	3,143	X	X	X	X	X	X
Vintage 2008	3,142	X	X	--*--	--*--	X	--*--
Vintage 2005 - Vintage 2007 ²	3,141	X	--*--	--*--	--*--	--*--	--*--
Vintage 2003 - Vintage 2004	3,140	--*--	--*--	--*--	--*--	--*--	--*--
Vintage 2002 ²	3,141	X	--*--	--*--	--*--	--*--	--*--
Vintage 2001	No county estimates on file, only national estimates						
2000 census							
April 1, 2000	3,141	--*--	--*--	--*--	--*--	--*--	--*--
1990-1999 intercensal estimates							
July 1, 1990-July 1, 1999	3,141	--*--	--*--	--*--	--*--	--*--	--*--

--*-- County or county equivalent is not on the file.

X County or county equivalent is on the file.

¹Beginning with Vintage 2014, Petersburg Borough, AK (02195), created from part of Petersburg Census Area (02195) and part of Hoonah-Angoon Census Area (02105), replaced Petersburg Census Area. The new area retained the FIPS code of Petersburg Census Area

²Vintage 2002, Vintage 2005, Vintage 2006, and Vintage 2007 have estimates for the same 3,141 counties and county equivalents.

Specific details:

Broomfield County, Colorado (FIPS code=08014) was created effective November 15, 2001 from parts of four Colorado counties: Adams, Boulder, Jefferson, and Weld. There are estimates for this county on some, but not all, of the bridged-race files. Note that there are no data for Broomfield County on NCHS birth or mortality files prior to data year 2003.

Hoonah-Angoon Census Area, AK (FIPS code = 02105). The Hoonah-Angoon Census Area was created from the remainder of the former Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area (FIPS code = 02232) when Skagway Municipality (FIPS code = 02230) was created effective June 20, 2007. Estimates for this area are on the Vintage 2008 and later bridged-race population files. Effective January 3, 2013, a mostly unpopulated part of this area was removed and merged with part of Petersburg Census Area (FIPS code=02195) to form the new Petersburg Borough (FIPS code=02195). Note that no data for Hoonah-Angoon Census Area appear on NCHS birth and mortality files prior to the 2014 data year.

Kusilvak Census Area, AK (FIPS code=02158).-Effective July 1, 2015, Wade Hampton Census Area (FIPS code=02270) was renamed Kusilvak Census Area and assigned a new FIPS code. Kusilvak Census Area first appears on the bridged-race population files for Vintage 2015. Wade Hampton, rather than Kusilvak continues to be used on NCHS birth and mortality files.

Oglala Lakota County, SD (FIPS code=46102). Effective May 1, 2015, Shannon County, SD (FIPS code=46113) was renamed Oglala Lakota County and assigned a new FIPS code. Oglala Lake first appears on the bridged-race population files for Vintage 2015. Shannon County, rather than Oglala Lake continues to appear on NCHS birth and mortality files.

Petersburg Borough (FIPS code=02195). Effective January 3, 2013, Petersburg Borough was created from part of the former Petersburg Census Area (FIPS code=02195) and a mostly unpopulated part of Hoonah-Angoon Census Area (FIPS code=02105). Petersburg Borough appears on the Vintage 2014 and later bridged-race population files. Note that no data for this Borough appear on NCHS birth and mortality files.

Petersburg Census Area (FIPS code=02195). Petersburg Census Area was created from part of the former Wrangell-Petersburg Census Area (FIPS code = 02280) effective June 1, 2008. Estimates for this area are on the Vintage 2009 – Vintage 2013 bridged-race population files. Effective January 3, 2013, most of this area was aggregated with a mostly unpopulated part of Hoonah-Angoon Census Area (FIPS code=02105) to form Petersburg Borough (FIPS code=02195). The new area replaced Petersburg Census Area starting with Vintage 2014. Note that no data for this Census Area appear on NCHS birth and mortality files prior to 2014.

Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area (FIPS code = 02198). Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area was created from the remainder of the former Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area (FIPS code = 02201) after part (Outer Ketchikan) was annexed by Ketchikan Gateway Borough (FIPS code = 02130) effective May 19, 2008 and another part was included in the new Wrangell Borough (effective June 1, 2008). Estimates for this area are on the Vintage 2009 and later bridged-race files. No data for this Census Area appear on NCHS birth and mortality files prior to the 2014 data year.

Skagway Municipality, AK (FIPS code = 02230). Skagway Municipality was created from part of the former Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area (FIPS code = 02232) effective June 20, 2007; boundaries are identical to the Skagway census subarea. The remainder of the former Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area was established as the new

Hoonah-Angoon Census Area (FIPS code = 02-105). Estimates for this area appear on the Vintage 2008 and later bridged-race population files. No data for Skagway Municipality appear on NCHS birth and mortality files prior to the 2014 data year.

Wrangell City and Borough (FIPS code = 02275). Effective June 1, 2008, Wrangell City and Borough was created from part of Wrangell-Petersburg Census Area (FIPS code = 02280) and part of Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area (FIPS code = 02201). Estimates for this area appear on Vintage 2009 and later bridged-race population files. No data for Wrangell Borough appear on NCHS birth and mortality files prior to the 2014 data year.

Chugach Census Area, Alaska (FIPS code = 02063) was created from part of former Valdez-Cordova Census Area (FIPS code = 02261) effective January 02, 2019. Estimates for this area appear on Vintage 2020 and later bridged-race population files

Copper River Census Area, Alaska (FIPS code = 02066) was created from part of former Valdez-Cordova Census Area (FIPS code = 02261) effective January 02, 2019. Estimates for this area appear on Vintage 2020 and later bridged-race population file

Table 2. Deleted and renamed counties and county equivalents: bridged-race population files for 1990-2020

Deleted and renamed counties and county equivalents: bridged-race population files for 1990-2020						
Estimate series	Number of counties	Deleted county or county equivalent				
Postcensal estimates based on 2010 census						
		Valdez-Cordova Census Area, AK (02261)	Chugach Census Area, AK (02063)	Copper River Census Area, AK (02066)		
Vintage 2020	3144	--*--	X	X		
Vintage 2015-Vintage 2019	3,143	X	--*--	--*--		
		Petersburg Borough ¹ , AK (02195)	Shannon County, SD (46113)	Wade Hampton Census Area, AK (02270)		
Postcensal estimates based on 2010 census						
Vintage 2015-Vintage 2019	3,143	--*--	--*--	--*--		
Vintage 2014	3,143	--*--	X	X		
		Bedford city, VA (51515)	Clifton Forge city, VA (51560)	Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area, AK (02201)	Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area, AK (02232)	Wrangell – Petersburg Census Area, AK (02280)
Postcensal estimate series based on 2010 census						
Vintage 2014-Vintage 2020	3,143	--*--	--*--	--*--	--*--	--*--
Vintage 2011-Vintage 2013	3,143	X	--*--	--*	--*--	--*--
2010 census						
April 1, 2010	3,143	X	--*--	--*--	--*--	--*--
2000-2010 intercensal estimates						
July 1, 2000-July 1, 2010	3,143	X	--*--	--*--	--*--	--*--
Postcensal estimate series based on 2000 census						
Vintage 2009-Vintage 2010	3,143	X	--*--	--*--	--*--	--*--
Vintage 2008	3,142	X	--*--	X	--*--	X
Vintage 2005 - Vintage 2007 ¹	3,141	X	--*--	X	X	X

Vintage 2003 - Vintage 2004	3,140	X		--*--	X	X	X
Vintage 2002 ¹	3,141	X		--*--	X	X	X
Vintage 2001	No county estimates on file, only national estimates						
2000 census							
April 1, 2000	3,141	X	X	X--	X		X
1990-1999 intercensal estimates							
July 1, 2000-July 1, 2009	3,141	X	X	X	X		X

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Specific details:

Bedford City, Virginia (FIPS code = 51515). Effective July 1, 2013, Bedford city, Virginia (51515), formerly an independent city, merged with Bedford County (51019). Beginning with the Vintage 2014 postcensal series, estimates for this county equivalent no longer appear on the bridged-race population files. Note that data for Bedford city still appear on NCHS birth and mortality files.

Clifton Forge City, Virginia (FIPS code = 51-560). Effective July 1, 2001, Clifton Forge city, Virginia, formerly an independent city, merged with Alleghany county (FIPS code=51-005). Estimates for this county equivalent only appear on the 1990-1999 intercensal bridged-race files and the April 1, 2000 bridged-race files. Note that data for Clifton Forge city appear on NCHS birth and mortality files prior to data year 2003; but beginning with the 2003 data year, no data for Clifton Forge city appear on the birth and mortality files.

Petersburg Census Area (FIPS code=02195). Petersburg Census Area was created from part of the former Wrangell-Petersburg Census Area (FIPS code = 02280) effective June 1, 2008. Estimates for this area are on the Vintage 2009 –Vintage 2013 bridged-race population files. Effective January 3, 2013, most of this area was aggregated with a mostly unpopulated part of Hoonah-Angoon Census Area (FIPS code=02105) to form Petersburg Borough (FIPS code=02195). The new area replaced Petersburg Census Area starting with Vintage 2014. Note that no data for this Census Area appear on NCHS birth and mortality files prior to 2014.

Prince of Wales-Outer-Ketchikan Census Area (FIPS code = 02-201). Part of this area (Outer Ketchikan) was annexed by Ketchikan Gateway Borough (FIPS code = 02-130), part was included in the new Wrangell City and borough (FIPS code = 02-275), and the remainder was renamed Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area (FIPS code = 02-198). Estimates for Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan do not appear on the bridged-race files after Vintage 2008. Note that data for this area appear on NCHS birth and mortality files for 1994 – 2013.

Shannon County, SD (FIPS code=46113). Effective May 1, 2015, Shannon County was renamed Oglala Lakota County and given a new FIPS code (46102). It last appeared in the bridged-race Vintage 2014 population files. Shannon County continues to appear on NCHS birth and mortality files.

Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area, AK (FIPS code = 02-232). Effective June 20, 2007, Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census area was split to create Skagway Municipality (FIPS = 02-230) and Hoonah-Angoon Census Area (FIPS code = 02-105). Estimates for Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon do not appear on bridged-race files after Vintage 2007. Note that data for Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area appear on NCHS birth and mortality files for 1994 – 2013.

Wade Hampton Census Area, AK (FIPS code=02270). Effective July 1, 2015, Wade Hampton Census Area was renamed Kusilvak Census Area and given a new FIPS code (02158). It last appeared in the Vintage 2014 bridged-race population files.- Wade Hampton Census Area still appear on NCHS birth and mortality files.

Wrangell-Petersburg Census Area (FIPS code = 02-280). Effective June 1, 2008, Wrangell-Petersburg Census Area was split to create part of Wrangell City and Borough (FIPS code = 02-275) and all of Petersburg Census Area (FIPS code = 02-195). Estimates for Wrangell-Petersburg do not appear on bridged-race files after Vintage 2008. Note that data for Wrangell-Petersburg Census Area appear on NCHS birth and mortality files for 1994 – 2013.

Valdez-Cordova Census Area, Alaska (FIPS Code= 02261). Effective January 02, 2019, Valdez-Cordova Census Area, Alaska was split to form Chugach Census Area (FIPS Code= 02063) and Copper River Census Area (FIPS Code= 02066). Estimates for Valdez-Cordova Census Area do not appear on bridged-race files after Vintage 2019.